

notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The Hill reported that a prominent lobbying firm, founded by Mr. Paul Magliocchetti and the subject of a "federal investigation into potentially corrupt political contributions," has given \$3.4 million in political donations to no less than 284 members of Congress.

Whereas, the New York Times noted that Mr. Magliocchetti "set up shop at the busy intersection between political fund-raising and taxpayer spending, directing tens of millions of dollars in contributions to lawmakers while steering hundreds of millions of dollars in earmark contracts back to his clients."

Whereas, a guest columnist recently highlighted in Roll Call that "... what [the firm's] example reveals most clearly is the potentially corrupting link between campaign contributions and earmarks. Even the most ardent earmarkers should want to avoid the appearance of such a pay-to-play system."

Whereas, multiple press reports have noted questions related to campaign contributions made by or on behalf of the firm; including questions related to "straw man" contributions, the reimbursement of employees for political giving, pressure on clients to give, a suspicious pattern of giving, and the timing of donations relative to legislative activity.

Whereas, Roll Call has taken note of the timing of contributions from employees of the firm and its clients when it reported that they "have provided thousands of dollars worth of campaign contributions to key Members in close proximity to legislative activity, such as the deadline for earmark request letters or passage of a spending bill."

Whereas, the Associated Press highlighted the "huge amounts of political donations" from the firm and its clients to select members and noted that "those political donations have followed a distinct pattern: The giving is especially heavy in March, which is prime time for submitting written earmark requests."

Whereas, clients of the firm received at least \$300 million worth of earmarks in fiscal year 2009 appropriations legislation, including several that were approved even after news of the FBI raid of the firm's offices and Justice Department investigation into the firm was well known.

Whereas, the Associated Press reported that "the FBI says the investigation is continuing, highlighting the close ties between special-interest spending provisions known as earmarks and the raising of campaign cash."

Whereas, the persistent media attention focused on questions about the nature and timing of campaign contributions related to the firm, as well as re-

ports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of Congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution.

Now, therefore, be it: *Resolved*, that (a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or a subcommittee of the committee designated by the committee and its members appointed by the chairman and ranking member, shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between the source and timing of past campaign contributions to Members of the House related to the raided firm and earmark requests made by Members of the House on behalf of clients of the raided firm.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

HONORING JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, A WARRIOR, A HERO, A STORYTELLER

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, thank you very much for your leadership. I would like to associate myself with the 1 hour of the Congressional Black Caucus in honoring John Hope Franklin, and I want to thank the leadership of the gentlelady from Ohio and the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

John Hope Franklin was, in essence, a storyteller that was long awaited for by the United States of America. His "From Slavery to Freedom" indicated the broadness of the history of African Americans in the United States. It was a singular treatise that everyone had to read to find out about themselves, about America, and about the question of race and racism. His work on the President's Race Commission was without comparison. And he was the only one, I believe, that could have taken the helm with the President's appointment, appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton.

His easy hand, his comfort level with race and racism, of where we had come from and where we were going, helped us tell the story and balanced the role and responsibility of this commission. We lost a warrior, a hero, a storyteller, one that could only be told by him, a scholar.

We thank you. And may you rest in peace.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET RESPECTS SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, our Democrat colleagues have a budget which borrows too much, spends too much, and taxes too much. The Republican budget will do the opposite. It will curb government spending, create jobs, and control debt.

Our Republican budget sends a clear message to the American people that we understand the concerns with jobs we are all facing. We will share in those challenges and take responsibility for how we spend their tax dollars. When we find ourselves in a time of fiscal crisis, we are looking for ways to cut wasteful spending, pay off debt and secure future fiscal sanity.

Republicans are offering a budget that reflects, respects and supports the small businesses of America, one that makes the tough choices and keeps more tax dollars in the pockets of American families.

The Democrat budget is the philosophy of massive borrowing and spending that threatens inflation and devaluation of Social Security.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

NATIONALIZATION OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the nationalization of the auto industry continues. The President has announced the Federal Government is going to exercise more forced control over American car companies. The President fired the CEO of General Motors and wants more automotive restructuring the Federal way.

General Motors and Chrysler have already received billions in taxpayer bailout money and are poised to win favor with the White House for even more money.

Madam Speaker, unfortunately, General Motors and Chrysler have already failed. Why should taxpayers continue to subsidize these failures? Why? Because the almighty Federal Government forces taxpayers to pay off these special interest groups. The government ought not to pick who wins and